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KUTIR JYOTI PROGRAMME IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of single point light connections under the Kutir Jyoti Programme released to the households of rural poor and tribal families in Andaman and Nicobar Islands during each of the last three years, district-wise;
- (b) whether all the households of rural poor living below the poverty line in Andaman and Nicobar Islands have been extended this facility; and
- (c) if not, the time by which all such families in the Islands are likely to be covered under the Kutir Jyoti Programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : Kutir Jyoti Scheme was launched in 1988-89 and was merged in April, 2005 with Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY). Union Territory (UT) of Andaman & Nicobar Islands did not participate in the Kutir Jyoti Programme. Therefore, UT administration has not reported release of any Kutir Jyoti connection to the rural poor and tribal families during last three years.

(b) & (c) : UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands has not participated in RGGVY, which envisages providing access of electricity to all rural households including provision of free electricity connections to Below Poverty Line (BPL) households as per the norms of Kutir Jyoti Programme.